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SUBJECT: STUDENT OPPOSITION AT BENGHAZI UNIVERSITY; OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED VIOLENCE AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY

1. QADHAFI'S CALL IN HIS APRIL 5 SPEECH AT TOBRUK FOR A PURGE OF THE UNIVERSITIES HAS HAD ALMOST IMMEDIATE EFFECTS, BOTH IN TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI. TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN LEFT TO JALLUD, WHILE QADHAFI HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF BENGHAZI WHERE THE SITUATION IS POTENTIALLY MORE SERIOUS, AS QADHAFI HIMSELF MADE CLEAR IN A TIRADE AT THE BENGHAZI CAMPUS APRIL 7.

2. THINGS IN TRIPOLI ARE BAD ENOUGH, AFTER A DAY OF WHAT

CAN ONLY BE CALLED OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED VIOLENCE APRIL 7. LED BY JALLUD, A GROUP CALLING FOR THE ERADICATION OF ANTI-REGIME "VERMIN," TO CITE ONE OF THE MORE ELEGANT EPITHETS USED, CLASHED WITH TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. REPORTS OF CASUALTIES ARE NOT FIRM, BUT THERE WERE CLEARLY MANY STUDENTS INJURED -- A NUMBER
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OF AMBULANCES CARRIED VICTIMS AWAY -- AND RUMORS ARE

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CIRCULATING ABOUT POSSIBLE DEATHS. ONE VERSION OF EVENTS HAS IT THE JALLUD'S MOB WAS CHALLENGED AT ONE POINT BY A GROUP OF GIRL STUDENTS (SAID TO BE TOUGHER THAN THE BOYS) AND THAT AT JALLUD'S ORDER, POLICE CLOSED IN ON THEM, INJURING SEVERAL. TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED TODAY.

3. MEANWHILE, IN BENGHAZI, FLANKED BY TROOPS, QADHAFI WAS SPEAKING TO A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS. BARELY ABLE TO CONTROL HIS RAGE, QADHAFI SAID THAT THE REVOLUTION WAS UNDER ATTACK, INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY, AND HE COULD NOT LEAVE A "POCKET OF ENEMIES" AT THE UNIVERSITY. ALL HIS HOPES FOR THE UNIVERSITY HAD BEEN SHATTERED BY A MINORITY OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. THEY MUST BE STAMPED OUT. HE HAD READ THEIR PAMPHLETS, SEEN THEIR SLOGANS ON THE WALLS. ONE OF THEM HAD TRIED TO INCITE A CROWD AGAINST HIM IN TOBRUK. THEY TALKED ABOUT A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP AND MILITARISM, BUT STUDENTS HAD THEMSELVES APPEALED TO HIM TO PUT AN ARMY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE UNVERSITY. (THIS IS PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO LAST JANUARY.) THE ILLITERATE MASSES WERE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. HE WOULD CLOSE THE UNIVERSITY IF NECESSARY. STUDENTS COMPLAINED HE HAD CUT OFF STIPENDS TO STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD WHO HAD OCCUPIED EMBASSIES. THEY WERE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN SPIES AND DESERVED TO HAVE THEIR THROATS CUT. IT IS FORBIDDEN TO WRITE ON THE WALLS. STRIKING STUDENTS ONLY HARMED THEMSELVES.

4. COMMENT: QADHAFI'S ATTEMPTS TO TERRIFY DISSIDENT STUDENTS AT THE POINT OF A GUN MAY BE TEMPORARILY SUCCESSFUL, BUT BENGHAZI STUDENTS WILL NOT FORGET WHAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY NO MATTER HOW OFTEN QADHAFI TELLS THEM ON ONE WAS KILLED. NOW JALLUD'S CLUMSY ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE LET TO VIOLENCE HERE TOO, AND A CAMPUS WHICH HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET HAS PROBABLY BEEN POLARIZED. INDEED, THIS SEEMS TO BE WHAT QADHAFI WANTS.
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